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FOR M/CT AND S/S-O

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: INFORMATION ON AMICTS INVOLVED IN AIRCRAFT HIJACKINGS

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1. (A) SINCE NEITHER GOL NOR LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL AUTHORITIES KEEPS ANY RECORD OF PASSENGERS DEPARTING FROM LUXEMBOURG, OUR ONLY SOURCE OF INFORMATION IN CASE OF AN INCIDENT WOULD BE THE AIRLINE COMPANIES THEMSELVES. THE FOLLOWING AIRLINES SERVE LUXEMBOURG: LOFTLEIDIR (ICELANDIC), BRITISH AIRWAYS, AEROFLOT, FINNAIR, TUNIS AIR, LUXAIR, INTERNATIONAL AIR BAHAMAS, AND CZECHOSLOVAK AIRLINES.

(B) UNFORTUNATELY, NONE OF THE AIRLINES MAKES ANY RECORD OF THE CITIZENSHIP OF THEIR PASSENGERS. THIS MEANS THAT ALL THEY COULD PROVIDE US WITH IS THE COMPLETE PASSENGER MANIFEST. WHILE THIS WOULD ASSIST THE DEPARTMENT AND THE EMBASSY IN RESPONDING TO QUERIES FROM WORRIED RELATIVES CONCERNING SPECIFIC TRAVELERS, IT WOULD BE OF LITTLE USE IN ASCERTAINING THE TOTAL NUMBER OF AMERICANS INVOLVED.

(C) THE AIRLINES MAKE NO RECORD OF NEXT-OF-KIN OR OTHER RELATIVES. GIVEN THE HIGH RATIO OF AMERICANS TRANSITING LUXEMBOURG, IT IS UNLIKELY THAT MANY OF THE PASSENGERS

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INVOLVED WOULD BE REGISTERED AT THE EMBASSY.

2. ALL OF THE FOREGOING MEANS THAT WE WOULD BE UNABLE TO QUOTE PROVIDE FOR IMMEDIATE AND AUTOMATIC DETERMINATION OF THE NAMES OF ANY AMERICAN CITIZENS INVOLVED AND THE IMMEDIATE COMMUNICATION OF THAT AND ALL OTHER PERTINENT INFORMATION ON INVOLVED AMCITS TO THE DEPARTMENT

UNQUOTE.

3. IN CASE OF A HIJACKING (OR CRASH) THE EMBASSY WOULD:

(A) CONTACT THE OFFICE OF THE COMMANDANT OF THE AIRPORT TO OBTAIN THE APPROPRIATE MANIFEST AND SEND IT BY CRITIC (OR FLASH) TO THE DEPARTMENT.

(B) DISPATCH AN EMBASSY OFFICER TO THE AIRPORT WHERE HE WOULD ESTABLISH A COMMAND POST AND RELAY ANY INFORMATION IN ADDITION TO THE MANIFEST TO THE DEPARTMENT.

(C) WORK FROM THE EMBASSY WITH LOCAL POLICE AUTHORITIES TO TRY TO DETERMINE BY OTHER MEANS NATIONALITY OF THOSE LISTED ON THE MANIFEST, E.G. BY CHECKING HOTEL RECORDS FOR PREVIOUS WEEK.

4. THESE PROCEDURES HAVE BEEN INCORPORATED IN THE EMBASSY DUTY OFFICERS' GUIDELINES. LOWENSTEIN

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